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Dear Josh:

I should have written to tell you and Esther how enjoyable
that evening was last spring, especially the stimulating computer
talk. It even induced a pilgrimage to the local 7090 and some
ruffling of the pages of a book on Fortran. However, lacking a
problem at the moment for which the computer is really necessary,
that is as far as I got.

There are further recombination data on rII deletions beyond
those published, and I can dig them out if you wish. However,
would it not be better to try out your program first on the published
matrix? It represents a significant lump to chew, and it might be
cheaper in the long run to iron out any difficulties with a smaller
body of data. A punched card representing each cross may be the
simplest way of compiling the data sets. Your assistant can trans-
cribe directly from the matrix and then scramble the cards. If you
get the system working, I will be glad to send more data in the
form of lists that can be added to the set. Would redundancy be
troublesome, i.e., two cards representing the same cross?

Needless to say, I am curious about the method, if only to
better understand exactly what my mind was doing in guiding the
scissors-and-tape operation of transposing columns and rows. Are
you sure that it is $100n^2$ microseconds, and not $100n!$ microseconds?
Aren't the unfilled cells going to complicate the problem consid-
erably?

I may or may not be visiting California during the next few
months. In any case, if you and/or Esther should be anywhere near
Lafayette, Dotty and I would be delighted to see you. You have yet
to make up for your sin (ages ago) of driving by without stopping.

All the best,

Seymour Benzer

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